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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT' SP

SUBJECT: ETA ASSASSINATES BUS INSPECTOR

1. MONDAY NIGHT, 1 MARCH, A BUS INSPECTOR WAS ASSASSINATED IN A BASQUE VILLAGE NEAR SAN SEBASTIAN. A FEW HOURS LATER ETA-V CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY VIA A TELEPHONE CALL TO RADIO FRANCE.

2. THE EVENT HAS BEEN DOWNPLAYED IN THE SPANISH PRESS, WITH NO SPECULATION OVER THE POSSIBLE MOTIVES FOR THE MURDER, ALTHOUGH IT WAS MENTIONED THAT THE VICTIM HAS, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, RECEIVED A NUMBER OF DEATH THREATS BY LETTER FROM ETA.

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ACCORDING TO AMCONSUL BILBAO, HOWEVER, THE VICTIM WAS CONSIDERED

TO HAVE BEEN A POLICE SPY. HE WAS A VETERINARIAN BY PROFESSION  
WHO ABANDONED HIS CAREER TO TAKE A MUCH LOWER PAYING JOB AS A BUS  
INSPECTOR ON A LINE WHICH CROSSED THE FRENCH FRONTIER, A JOB  
WHICH WOULD HAVE ENABLED HIM TO KEEP TRACK OF PASSENGERS REGU-  
LARLY CROSSING THE FRONTIER.

3. LIKE THE MURDER OF THE MAYOR OF GALDACANO, THIS ASSASSINATION,  
THE FOURTH BY ETA IN FOUR MONTHS, CONTINUES THE PATTERN OF  
ASSASSINATION OF BASQUE OFFICIALS "COLLABORATING" WITH THE  
MADRID GOVT.  
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